

Cove Lake

Sustainability Features

Operations

Cove Lake offers recycling at each of the ranger residences, the maintenance facility, and the park office. The park has also reduced the number of garbage cans available in the park to improve the efficiency of its waste collection. The park also is using energy efficient lighting at locations throughout the park.

Biological/Ecological

Cove Lake has reduced their mowing area by approximately 4 acres and has planted native grasses in place of the maintained lawn. This transformation not only helps the environment through the reduction of water usage, fertilizers, and exhaust fumes from gas-powered mowers, it also provides a habitat for butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies. The park is home to a number of wintering waterfowl. The 210 acre lake is about 75 percent accessible by foot.

Historical/Community Significance

Cove Lake was once home to the Goose Island community. Also, an ancient Mississippian community lived there. Archeologists from UT and the Smithsonian have excavated artifacts from the park and these are on display at UT and the Smithsonian.

Moving Forward

Energy Conservation

The Park plans to install a new lighting system in the recreation building and also new outdoor lighting.



Park Highlights

- Located in Campbell County
- Visited by over 500,000 people in 2011
- Over 5 miles of trails in park
- Access to the Cumberland Trail

